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A High School for Wheeling. The Board of Education has resolved to establish a high school, which is to begin by taking the place of the present grammar schools. The cost is yet to be

determined. Mr. Block thinks the site and building can be provided for \$50,000 or \$55,000. Col. Miller thinks the site and building with equipment will cost Mr. Bloch thinks there would be a

saving, as compared with the present cost, of \$3,300 a year. Col. Miller includes interest on investment; Mr. Bloch does not. Add interest at six per cent on Mr. Bloch's estimated investment, and the estimated saving disap-The majority of the board seem to

contemplate a high school that shall not go beyond a consolidation of the grammar schools, to be raised to no higher level and conducted at no greater cost than the present estimate. Col. Miller is convinced that the present proposition is only an entering wedge, that the high school course will be elaborated and become much more expensive than his present estimate.

Here is a radical and wide difference of opinion. Within five years after the establishment of the high school Col. Miller will be shown to have been a prophet. The cost will far exceed the low estimate on which the board is proceeding. The expenditure will grow out of proportion to the attendance, and it will be borne chiefly by tax-payers who cannot afford to keep, or will not keep, their children at school through, the three years' course necessary to graduation.

Out of 4,245 pupils enrolled in the public schools in the month of September, 414 were enrolled in the grammar schools, less than one in ten. The nine have gone to work, or to pay schoolsat all events they are not to be found in the public schools of Wheeling. The high school will not be supported for the nine; it will exist for the one. About thirty-five a year graduate, having remained long enough to get the benefit of the full course-four thous-and entering at the bottom, thirty-five coming out at the top; more than nine out of ten of the enrolled pupils dropping out before they get to the grammar school, more than nine out of ten of the grammar school pupils dropping out before they graduate.

'If the thirty-five graduates be supposed to be the children of seventy parents-all that can be made out of it and if each of these parents be a taxpayer, we have at the most a grand total of seventy taxpayers a year in the city of Wheeling who, through their children, avail themselves of the full benefit of the public school system. very much less.

Certainly these other thousands are not demanding a high school. They will not send their children to it if it be established. So far as they are concerned there is no need to add to the already liberal expenditure of \$85,000 a year for the public school system of Wheeling.

Without a high school we are supposed to be providing for every child in Wheeling an opportunity to get a good common English education. This we ought to do. Those who wish more should be allowed to find it outside of the public school system. If they can afford to keep their children at school long enough to go through a high school, they can afford to send them to a pay

The high school scheme can only serve the convenience of the few; but the many will have to pay for it. It is an unwise, uncalled-for and unfair proceeding. It may gild the dome of the public school structure; it can add no strength to the foundation.

An Appeal for "Land Bill" Allen. Mr. O. D. Hill, of Kendalia, makes an appeal which the Intelligencer is glad to publish in behalf of the man who kept hammering away until the home-stead bill was passed, who devoted time and money to securing legislation that would give to every actual settler 160 acres of public land.

The man who did this, to whom every settler owes his homestead and the country the peopling of vast areas with an industrious population that has added enormously to the wealth of the nation-this public benefactor in the highest sense has not a foot of ground to call his own, has not where to lay his head except in the county alms-

It might have been thought that it would have been enough to call attenago in the INTELLIGENCER. For some rea- | Arlington.

son not easy to understand the matter has not been taken up, and the old man is still a worthy object for the good offices of those who feel that such services as his should be remembered in the hour of need. Eighty years of age, he cannot have many more years to live. Those years should be made comfortable for him. The INTELLIGENCER will be glad to receive and forward any contributions.

The "Hands-Off" Policy.

Hon. Wm. L. Wilson was one of the speakers at the banquet of the New York Chamber of Commerce, In the course of his remarks Mr. Wilson said: course of his remarks Mr. Wilson said:
We are giving to the development of this great
country all that knowledge and selence and skill
and invention which the world has accumulated in the past can apply. What have a people
like this to ask of this government, especially of
the law-making power? Chiefly from the business point of view, "hands off." Chiefly that
the government shall not interfere, but shall
leave the people to work out their own material
welfare.

"Hands-off" is Mr. Wilson's American rendition of a French phrase much used by British free-traders-laissez-faire, the let-alone, go-as-you-please, or, go-asyou-can, policy. Government is to have absolutely nothing to do with business outside of its own purely official affairs relating to administration. It may build and maintain a navy, may support an army, issue money and fight to its heart's content. It must have nothing to do with the fostering of any industry.

If a law would call into life an industry that would employ a million of people and result in cheapening the product of that industry, that law must not be passed, for it would be an interference with business-the business of foreigners and their agents, it is true, but still an interference and so prohibited by the let-alone doctrine.

The government must keep "handsoff" and "leave the people to work out theirown material welfare." There must be no encouragement of wool-growing, sugar-raising, glass, pottery, iron or steel-making or the making of any other thing. We are too great and too proud a people to allow laws to stand between us and absolute foreign mastery of our markets.

We may permit our political independence to be guaranteed by all the power the government has, but not our industrial independence. If another country, Great Britain for example, has by centuries of this same governmental interference acquired great skill in manufacturing and accumulated a vast capital, by her diplomacy, her steamship subsidies and her guns made foreign markets for her manufactures, there must be no interference by our government for our protection, because such interference would fly in the face of a theory very beautifully elaborated in the British free trade text books and approved by Great Britain alone of all the nations and all the colonies.

There are individuals outside of Great Britain who endorse and advocate the British view, and Mr. Wilson Is one of them. His opinion is entitled to respect as that of an honest man who has the courage to state frankly what he desires and would have if he had the power. The utterance has more than personal weight, great as that is.

Mr. Wilson is as fully endorsed by the Democratic party as the British free trade doctrine is endorsed by Mr. Wilson. He is one of the most prominent of Democratic speakers, as he deserves to be. When a speaker is wanted to captivate with his eloquence and give out the pure milk of the Democratic word, Mr. Wilson has the honor of being named first.

So that when we hear from our distinguished fellow citizen from Jefferson county we get the unadulterated Democratic doctrine of the day from the highest authority in the propaganda.

Queer Politics.

It is hard to keep the run of Maryland politics. The other day ex-Congressman Gibson of that state was a candidate for clerk of the house of representatives. Now he has accepted a seat in the senate of the United States vacated by the death of Senator Wilson. This is not all.

The announcement comes from Washington, and Mr. Gibson is spoken of as "Charles H. Gibson of this city." Is it the same in Maryland as in Ohio-that a senator of the United States may represent that state and have his legal residence somewhere else?

THERE should be more than one shipload of food go out of our plenty to the starving people of Russia. We have done the like before and are better able now. Russians are human beings-the civilized world can't let them starve.

THE physicians are going to hold an autopsy on a museum freak who starved himself to death. The object is "to de-termine the cause of his death." Isn't it enough to know that he died because he was not wise in his generation?

THANKS to Prof. Millspaugh, West Virginia can show at the World's Fair a blackberry bush without a briar, a species unknown elsewhere. This is a great state of ours and the Rubus Millspaughii will move us up a notch.

Ir Mr. Cleveland knows his business he will send something very handsome to Mrs. Caleb Hopkins, of New Egypt, New Jersey. Triplets are not named after the Cleveland household every

With the pole trolley there will be no more such distressing accidents as that of yesterday, when a conductor got the full current through his body. Bad as it was, it was a lucky escape.

Another explorer has been killed in an attempt to kill some natives defending their village. This African business is not one-sided, at least,

Ir New York is through with General Grant's remains as a real estate spection to his case, as was done six weeks | ulation she should not resist removal to

BREAKFAST BUDGET.

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According to an author there is a very astonishing curiosity in Thibet in the shape of a plant that flies. It resembles a dog in shape, is the color of a tortoise-shell and is very tame. If lions or elephants see it they are frightened, "hence it is the king of beasts." There is also a kind of black donkey which can cope in fight with the tiger.

In some of the small villages of Scotland laborers formerly carried nails in their pockets with which to pay for the day's supply of bread and ale, just as the native Australian divests himself of a string of beads for the purchase of some coveted luxury.

Just what a young woman can do

Just what a young woman can do when she sets her mind to it is shown by the achievement of a good-looking widow near Oshkosh, Wis. Her first husband's name was Mayd, and when she married again it was observed with some reasonable surprise that she had become Mrs. Wyffe. Having been maid and wife she is now a widow.

When a Missouri cabbage was cut open it was found that the outer coating contained twenty-eight perfectly developed little heads in a cluster about the size of a walnut and nearly as hard.

The mother of a Kansas City, Mo., baby is sixteen years old, its grand-mother thirry-three and its great-grand-mother is but fifty-two years old. All reside in the same house.

In Independence, Kan., the town clock is six minutes slow, and instead of setting the clock right, the authorities advertise the fact of its slowness in the papers. the papers.

Latriella mentions a flea which drag ged a silver cannon twenty-four times its own weight, and showed no fear when the tiny piece was charged with gunpowder and shot off.

Melons were first called cantelopes from being cultivated at Canteluppi, a village near Rome, where had been in-troduced from Armenia by missionaries.

Chinese philosophers say that man-ners differ every 100 li of distance, and customs are no longer the same every 100 li. Over the door of every house in the large village of Gojumura, Japan, is the motto, "Frugal in all things, Liquors prohibited."

Thanksgiving Day.
To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

To the Biller of the Intelligencer.

Sin:—Can you find space in your valuable journal for a suggestion of one way to celebrate a day which this year should be for us, as Americans, peculiarly one of thanksgiving. Our harvests have been phenomenally plentiful, and our tables, in accordance with the grand old custom handed down to us by our Puritan ancestors, will shortly be spread with a bountiful repast. Throughout the length and breadth of our land this feat will be laid, to which practically all will in some way be invited, the poor as well as the rich, the prisoners and outcasts even, as well as those more favored.

On the other side of this little world of ours, in Russia, that grim land of terror, there are to-day, not thousands, but millions, famine stricken; trying to keep their little spark of life by de vouring pounded grass, stubble, any thing, and winter—a Russian winter— at their door.

at their door.

They have appealed to their government; the Czar listens, it will cost, he says 40,000,000 roubles and over, he heads a subscription, his guard du corps gives up their champagne, and then—he turns to France and raises an enormous loan for—his army, even while the pitiful cry is coming from millions, it is hard to grasp, millions of men and women and, saddest of all, from the little ones begging their parents for the

women and, saddest of all, from the little ones begging their parents for the food they have not.

We have so much, cannot we, the youngest yet the richest of all nations, stretch out our hands in brotherly love to the starving? Cannot each state raise a fund for food; cannot we spare the gleanings of our harvest for those who have none? Cannot some society, like those great-hearted ministers in time of war and pestilence, the Red Cross Society, be persuaded to add famine to their mission, and take charge of the grain subscribed that it may reach the sufferers?

It matters not from whence the cry of distress comes—can America shut her ears against the dying and not do some-thing for them in His name

The Population of the World.

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New York Sun.

The latest and undoubtedly the most authoritative estimates of the populalation of the world give a total of nearly 1,480,000,000. We take these figures from the "Pevoelkerung der Erde," of which the eighth issue has just been published by the well-known geographical establishment of Justus Perthes, of Gotha. No statistical publication in the world is edited with more minute and painstaking care. This volume covers 270 pages. Every statement is critically examined, the sources of all statistics are given, where various figures are presented the value of each is discussed, and the greatest pains have been taken to secure the most reasonable estimates where trustworthy census returns were unobtainable. The latest data, so conscientionally collected and so critically examined as to inspire confidence that the best approximation that can be made in our present state of information, give the following figures as the population of the great divisions of the earth's surface:

Emple, 257, 279,000, or 14 to the square mile.

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Australia, 220,000, or 17 to the square mile.

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Members of Nelson Lodge No. 30, A. F. and A. M., are requested to meet at their lodge rooms at 9a. m. Friday, November 29, 1841, to attend the funeral of our late brother, Walter A. Todd. Members of sister lodges are invited to attend, Special motor will leave the station at 11 a. m. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery.

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